

TOWN OF BELMONT

By-Laws

OF THE

Town of Belmont.



Adopted April 11th, 1870, and Approved by the Superior
Court, May 4th, 1870.



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MIDDLESEX, SS.

At the Superior Court, begun and holden at Lowell, within and for the County of Middlesex, on the Second Monday of March, being the Fourteenth Day of said Month, Anno Domini, 1870. The following Document is presented to the Court for approval and acceptance, to wit :

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*Adopted by said Town, at a legal Town Meeting, held
April 11th, 1870.*

Notifications of Town Meetings.

Every Town Meeting shall be notified by posting a copy of the Warrant, calling the same, on the doors of the Town Hall, seven days, at least, before the day appointed for said meeting; and a printed notice containing the substance of the Warrant, shall be left at every dwelling-house in the Town.

Rules for the Government of Town Meetings.

1. No final vote shall be reconsidered, except upon notice for that purpose, made by one of the majority acting thereon, within fifteen minutes after such vote has been passed; and no Article in the Warrant shall be again taken into consideration after it has been disposed of, unless ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the voters present.

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2. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, without first obtaining leave of the meeting, except for the correction of an error, or to make an explanation ; and not until others who have not spoken upon the question, shall speak, if they desire it.

3. All questions submitted for the consideration of the Town, involving the expenditure of money, shall be in writing, and all other motions shall be reduced to writing, if required by the presiding officer.

4. Every person speaking shall address the Chair, standing, and uncovered.

5. No vote, fixing the period for closing a ballot, shall be re-considered after such ballot shall have commenced ; but it may be in order to extend the period without such consideration.

6. When a question is under debate, motions shall be received, to adjourn, to lie on the table, the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, or to amend. Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged ; the first four shall be decided without debate.

7. The duties of the presiding officer, not especially provided for by law, or by the foregoing rules, shall be determined by the rules of practice, contained in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are adapted to the condition and powers of the Town.

Financial Years.

The financial year of the Town shall begin with the first day of January in each year, and end with the thirty-first day of December following. The Selectmen shall annually report upon the value of the Town property.

Annual Town Meeting.

The Annual Town Meeting shall be on the first Monday of March, in each year, and all reports of Town Officers shall be made at that time.

Reports of Committees.

No action shall be had at any Town meeting on the report of any Committee previously chosen, unless the same shall be specially notified in the Warrant for calling said meeting.

Meetings of Town Officers.

The Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors

of Highways, Treasurer, and Clerk, shall meet for the transaction of the business of their respective departments, at the Selectmen's Room, on the first Monday evening of each month.

Power of the Selectmen to Borrow Money.

The Selectmen may authorize the Treasurer to borrow money temporarily, on the credit of the Town, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes, should the same be necessary, and to give Town notes for the same, signed by him as Town Treasurer ; said notes to be countersigned by the Selectmen.

Collection of Taxes.

1. The assessment of all taxes shall be completed, and a list of the same delivered to the Collector, on or before the twentieth day of July of each year.

2. All taxes which may be assessed, except poll taxes, paid on or before the first day of October, shall be entitled to a discount of five per cent. All single poll taxes shall be paid in fourteen days after demand. All taxes shall be paid in full, on or before the first day of November. The said dates are those next following the date of the assessment of taxes.

3. The Town Treasurer shall be the Collector of Taxes.

Removal of Buildings and Obstruction of Highways.

1. No building shall be removed over a public street, without the written permit of the Selectmen. Provided the Selectmen shall, in no case, grant a permit for the removal of any building, which in its removal will cause the injury or destruction of any tree or shrub, the property of individuals, whether in the street or otherwise, unless the written consent of the owners of said property shall first be had and obtained.

2. In case any building shall be removed over any public street, the owner of such building, or the person or persons removing the same, shall pay the Town all damages, costs, and expenses for which the Town may be liable, or be compelled to pay, by reason of said street being obstructed or encumbered.

3. No person shall place or cause to be placed in any of the public streets, sidewalks, lands, or upon any of the common lands of the Town, without a written license from the Selectmen, any manure, dirt,

gravel, wood, timber, buildings, carriages, boxes, barrels, stones, or any rubbish of any kind whatever, and suffer the same to remain for twenty-four hours. Upon notice from one or more of the Selectmen, to any person offending, as aforesaid, such person shall immediately remove the article or substance prohibited as aforesaid.

The penalty for which any person offending against this By-Law, shall be liable, shall be a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

4. No person shall pasture or tether cattle, or other animals in any of the streets or ways of the Town, in such manner as to obstruct the passing of persons in the road or sidewalks of such street or ways, under the penalty of five dollars for each offence.

Pasturing of Cattle, or other Animals in Streets or Ways.

1. The Town hereby adopts and avails itself of the provisions of Chapter Forty-five of the General Statutes, relating to the pasturing of cattle or other animals, in streets or ways.

2. No person shall be allowed to pasture any cattle or other animals upon any streets or ways in said Town, except within the limits of such way ad-

joining his own premises, either with or without a keeper, under a penalty of five dollars for every such offence.

Prosecutions under the By-Laws.

It shall be the duty of the Selectmen to prosecute every violation of any of the foregoing By-Laws, by complaint before any Justice of the Peace, of competent authority, in the County of Middlesex; and all fines so recovered, shall enure to the benefit of the poor of said Town.

By-Laws, when to Take Effect.

These By-laws shall go into effect from and after their passage, and approval by the Superior Court, within and for the County of Middlesex.



The foregoing is a true copy from the Records of the Town of Belmont.

ATTEST :

FRANCIS E. YATES, *Town Clerk.*"

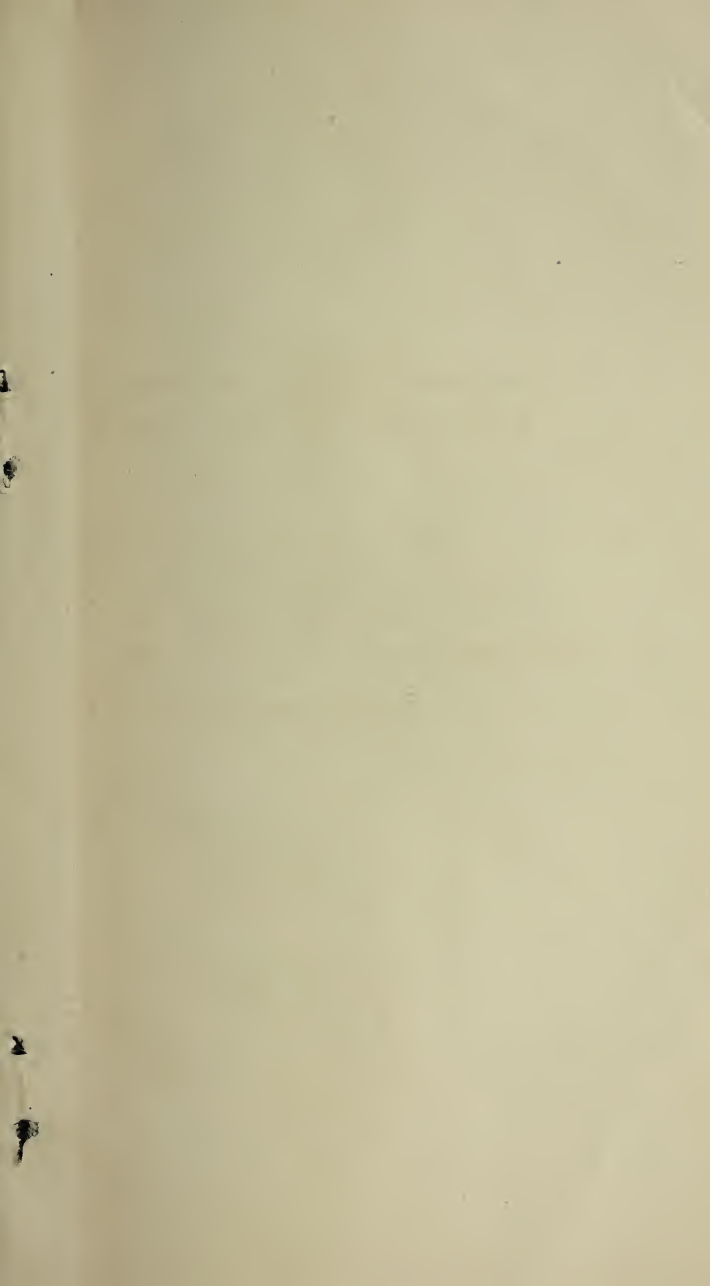
Which said By-Laws, being seen and understood, are on this Fourth day of May, A. D., 1870, approved by the Court.

In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy of Record, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court, this Ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

JNO. JAS. SAWYER, *Ass't Clerk.*

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